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## **BIG BAJKAL TOUR**

Route: Irkutsk - Ust - Orda - Olkhon - Peschanaya Bay - Listvyanka - Circum-Baikal Railway - Arshan -Pearl - Ulan-Ude

## Day 1

Welcome to Irkutsk! No wonder this Siberian city is

called the "Gate of Baikal"! The journey will start right at the airport (or at the railway station): a guide (English) will meet you. He knows everything about the nature and beauty of Baikal. He will be with you all the time of your tour.

First a small bus tour around Irkutsk



Next - transfer to the Golden Horde ethno-complex (70 km), national Buryat lunch.



After lunch - transfer to Olkhon Island. Travel time - 5 hours



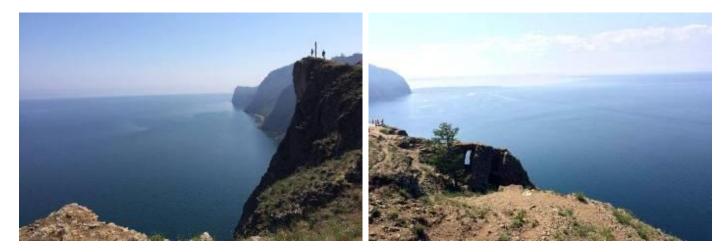
Accommodation in comfortable double rooms of the hotel.

Free time. Dinner.

Meals: lunch, dinner

#### Day 2

Morning on Olkhon begins early. After breakfast, you will drive to the most mystical and, at the same time, one of the most beautiful places - Cape Khoboy.



Not far from the cape a picnic will be organized for you. The tour will take about 5 hours. After lunch, return to the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Meals: breakfast, lunch (picnic) and dinner

#### Day 3

Breakfast. Today we will take a boat trip to the islands of the Small Sea. The tour will take place on the speedboat.

During the tour you will have a unique opportunity to see the island of Olkhon from the water and take pictures of beautiful views.

The tour will take 5 hours. Picnic - on the shore of Lake Baikal.



Return to the hotel. Guided hiking. Dinner.

In the evening a meeting with a shaman will be organized for you.

Meals: breakfast, lunch (picnic), dinner

## Day 4

Goodbye, Olkhon Island! Today you will say goodbye to the island and go to the shore. Listvyanka village is waiting for you. Travel time is 6-7 hours by speedboat.

A big stop on your cruise will be Peschanaya Bay. Dinner. Guided tours.

Sandy Bay - one of the most beautiful and famous places of Baikal, located on the south-west coast. This is the warmest and sunniest place on the coast. The name "Baikal Riviera" was fixed to the bay.



In the village Listvnyaka - accommodation in comfortable double rooms. Dinner.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Day 5

Today will be full of interesting events.

The first place you visit will be the Baikal Limnological Museum - one of the three lakes museums in the world and the only one in Russia.

After the museum you will climb the cable car to the top of one of the mountains in the village of Listvyanka, 755 meters high - Chersky stone. The building opens with a view of Lake Baikal and you can make beautiful photos.



Then you will visit the Taltsy architectural and ethnographic museum. Dinner. Walks.



Transfer to Listvyanka.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

# Day 6

Breakfast. Today you will learn that there is such a settlement on Baikal, which is called "Big Cats". That is where we will go today.

Transfer to the speedboat. Travel time is 15 min. Hiking around the village. Trekking in the Scripper rock, 5 km. Picnic.

Transfer to Listvyanka. Relaxation.



Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Day 7

A tour to Lake Baikal will not be complete unless you visit another amazing place created by the hands of people more than a hundred years ago. You are waiting for the Circum-Baikal Railway, or simply the Circum-Baikal Railway. The tour will take place by train.

Travel time is 7 hours. During this time, you will have about 4-5 stops, where you can get out and walk, as well as listen to interesting facts about the construction of the railway.

The Circum-Baikal Railway is called the "golden buckle" of railways for nothing, because it is the most expensive rail track. The road had to be laid right through the granite rocks of Baikal. There are 39 tunnels, 14 galleries, 440 bridges on the KBR. The longest tunnel - 778 meters! Of particular difficulty was the delivery of materials and food. But the result is truly impressive!

Lunch - on the train.



Arrival in Slyudyanka. Transfer to the village of Arshan. Accommodation in a hotel, in well-appointed rooms. Relaxation.

Meals: breakfast, lunch Day 8

You can go to the waterfalls. There is also mineral water to drink. You can also go to the Buddhist datsan



Meals: breakfast, lunch

## Day 9

Breakfast. Today you will go to the village of Pearls. Travel time is 30 minutes. Here you can visit the thermal waters. Pools are located right in the open air, the water temperature is up to 38 degrees. (Visiting sources is not included in the tour price! Extra charge!)



After bathing - transfer to Slyudyanka. Boarding the train to the city of Ulan-Ude. Night on the train.

Meals: breakfast

#### Day 10

At 07.00 arrival in Ulan-Ude. Breakfast in the hotel.

# City tour (2 hours).



Transfer to the village of the Old Believers.

We will go to the Old Believers, in the village Tarbagatai. Here we will get acquainted with the peculiarities of the life of the Siberian village, we will see folklore performances, national clothes and try dishes of Russian home cooking. You will also visit the crafts museum.

The tour will take about 6 hours.



Return to Ulan-Ude. Relaxation.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

## Day 11

Breakfast. Today we will go to the Ivolginsky Datsan - the main Buddhist temple in Russia. This is not a historical monument, it is a functioning monastery. Here is the incorruptible body of Lama Itigelov.



Pilgrims from all over the world come to the services of the Ivolginsky Datsan. Anyone can receive healing here, spiritual or physical. Monks treat parishioners with Tibetan medicine.

## Meals: breakfast

## Day 12

A brief but intense acquaintance with Lake Baikal, the largest, most clean and mysterious lake of the Planet, ended. We hope that you enjoyed and enjoyed the tour.

## Breakfast. Airport transfer. Departure



## Included in cost:

- Meeting at the airport;
- The work of the English-speaking guide throughout the route;
- Food according to the program;
- Transfers according to the program;
- Boat rental for excursions to the islands of the Small Sea;
- Rent a boat on the route p. Khuzhir Peschanaya Bay Listvyanka;
- Rent a boat on the route Listvyanka settlement Big Koty settlement Listvyanka settlement;
- Meeting with the shaman;
- Tickets for the Circum-Baikal Express train;
- Accommodation in 2 bed and 3 bed rooms of the hotel, p. Khuzhir;
- Accommodation in 2-bed and 3-bed rooms of the hotel, Listvyanka;
- Accommodation in 2 bed and 3 bed rooms of the hotel, Arshan settlement;
- Accommodation in 2-bed and 3-bed rooms of the hotel, Ulan-Ude;

- Excursions according to the program (Limnological Museum, Taltsy AEM, Chersky Stone, Khoboy Cape, Small Sea Islands, Circum-Baikal Railway, walking excursions to Arshan, visiting the Zhemchug hot spring, Old Believers Village, Ivolginsky Datsan);

- Tickets for the train, coupe, Slyudyanka - Ulan-Ude;

# Extra charge:

- Air and railway tickets;
- Optional excursions that are not included in the program (horse riding, quad biking, diving, etc.)
- Bath;
- Alcohol;